that some vehicle owners have also got Central Red Lights fitted on their vehicles without any authority;

(d) whether the move on the part of vehicle owners is due to non-checking of vehicles by officials of Transport Directorate of Delhi Administration;

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not common to have red light on the bonnets. Red light on top of the body of the vehicle is allowed on the vehicles that need priority clearance on the roads, especially emergency vehicles like police, fire and ambulance services.

(c) to (f) No such use of central red light by unauthorised vehicles has been has been observed or particularly reported to Delhi Traffic Police.

Action against unauthorised use of central red light will be taken as per provisions of law, if and when such unauthorised use is observed or brought to the notice of the police.

Action Against Conductors/Drivers of DTC

2210. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt. have taken action aqainst a DTC conductor who molested a woman in the third week of December, 1991 and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of DTC conductors/drivers against whom complaints of such harassment and misbehaviour with women were received during the last three months; and

(c) the details of the action, if any, taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The Conductor has been placed under suspension w.e.f. 20-12-91.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

S.No.	Date of Incident	Category	Brief of Incident	Action/Penalties Imposed
1	2	3	4	5
1	8-1-92	Driver	Driver did not allow a lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate and misbehaved with her.	Charge sheet issued to the driver and enquiry is under process.
2	8-1-92	Driver	Driver did not allow a lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate. He caught her with hair and beaten her.	The driver has been placed under suspension and enquiry is under process.
3	8.1.92	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate and used filthy language.	The driver has been 'Warned'.
4	15.1.92	Driver	Misbehaved with lady passenger.	The driver has been 'Cautioned'.
5	16.1.92	Conductor	Refused to give complaint book to lady passenger.	The conductor has been 'Cautioned'
6	16.1.92	Driver	Driver misbehaved with lady passenger.	The driver has been 'Advised'

1	2	3	4	5
7.	7.1.92	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from front gate & used filthy language.	Case is pending as the driver is under suspension in a fatal accident case.
8.	13.12.91	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from the exit gate.	Driver has been 'Warned'.
9.	20.12.91	Driver	Driver took the bus on wrong route.	Driver has been 'Cautioned'.
10.	17.12.91	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate and used filthy language.	Driver has been 'Cautioned'.
11.	18.12.91	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate.	Driver has been 'Advised'.
12.	23.12.91	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady with her children to board the bus from exit gate.	Driver has been 'Warned'.
13.	29.1.92	Driver	Driver did not allow the lady passenger to board the bus from exit gate and misbehaved with her.	Driver has been 'Advised'.
14.	19.1.92	Conductor	The conductor had illegally detained the lady with her child in a hotel on Inter-state route.	The conductor has been placed under suspension and enquiry is under process.
15.	11.12.91	Conductor	The conductor used unparliamentary larguage.	The conductor has been 'Cautioned'.
16.	20.2.92	Driver	The driver did not allow the lady passenger from front gate.	Departmental action initiated.
17.	27.2.92	Driver	The driver did not allow the lady passenger from front gate.	The driver has been 'Cautioned'.

Leasing of Ships

2211. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for engaging ships on lease instead of out right acquisition thereof under the new shipping policy with a view to attract NRIs in the shipping industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the context of foreign exchange crunch, Government has been considering a proposal for permitting the shipping companies to acquire ships through cross border leasing. The details in this regard are yet to be finalized.

Import of Junk Equipment

2212. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Transport Ministry buys junk equipment" which appeared in 'The Indian Express', dated the 14th December, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the expenditure involved in the deal